Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Esther Mildred Pedersen was born on September 29, 1915, to Christian and Grethe Pedersen at their home near Arlington, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Esther married Clifford Henrikson, and to this union two children were born: Wanda and Kathy, who in turn presented them with six grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Esther has crocheted numerous doilies in her lifetime and also enjoys playing cards and games; and,

Whereas, Esther will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on September 25, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2005, as

ESTHER HENRIKSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State